AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 11, starting at line 9, as follows:

These queries are stored in a Query table 206 in the QCD 56. The "WITH STATISTICS" clause indicates that demographics information is desired. Demographics information includes information such as disk utilization information of a table on each access module, the row count and average row size of a table on each access module, column statistics, and blocks distribution, as examples. The demographics information is stored in a DataDemographics table 216 (Fig. 5) by the demography interface 25. Details regarding the capture and display of demographics information is discussed in U.S. Serial No. 09/976,632, ~~Patent Application~~ entitled "COLLECTING AND/OR PRESENTING DEMOGRAPHICS INFORMATION IN A DATABASE SYSTEM" ~~(having Attorney Docket No. 10149 (NCRC-0062-US))~~, filed ~~by Douglas P. Brown and Jeetendra Chaware concurrently herewith~~ on October 12, 2001, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Please amend the paragraph on page 17, starting at line 3, as follows:

After the index recommendations are retrieved, the index wizard client module 24 submits commands (at 154) to capture statistics from the production system (one of the target database systems 14). The statistics can be captured using a new SQL COLLECT STATISTICS statement (described below) that collects statistics based on a specified percentage (less than 100) of the entire table. Alternatively, a collect statistics mechanism that is based on a full table scan be used. The command(s) to capture statistics is issued at 154 (Fig. 7). The statistics collected, using either the sample technique or the full table scan technique, are stored in a TableStatistics table 218 in the QCD. A more detailed discussion of collecting statistics based on a sample of a table is discussed in U.S. ~~Patent Application~~ Serial No. 09/976,634, entitled "COLLECTING STATISTICS IN A DATABASE SYSTEM" ~~(having Attorney Docket No. 10159 (NCRC-0064-US))~~, filed ~~by Douglas P. Brown and Jeetendra Chaware concurrently herewith~~ on October 12, 2001, hereby incorporated by reference. The percentage used can be specified by the user in a user interface.